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Production Alert: California Film & Television Tax Credit Program Updated Expenditure Charts

The California Film Commission (CFC), which administers the California Film & Tax Credit Program, provides detailed program information on our website. Recently, the Qualified Expenditure Charts for the tax credit program have been revised and/or clarified. Please refer to these updated charts posted to our website when tagging your budgets. Below please find a **summary of the more significant changes** to the charts of which you should be aware:

1. **Box Rentals/Car Allowances/Mileage** qualify for qualified labor only.
2. **Travel Day Salaries** into or out of California do not qualify for either qualified or unqualified labor.
3. **Loan Out Fringes** do not qualify EXCEPT for Vacation & Holiday pay for qualified labor, and payroll company fees from a California based company.
4. **3-D** costs, including 2D-3D conversions in post, are qualified expenditures.
5. **Cut off date for tracking costs:** Costs are qualified only until 30 days after creation of the final elements. Only expenditures incurred up to 30 days after that date shall be considered qualified expenditures (pre-paid items for services that have not yet been performed do not qualify).
6. **Shipping costs** for internet purchases only qualify if there is written proof the item was shipped within the state.
7. For **Producer/Hyphenates**, per diems qualify up to the amount commensurate with per diems given to other department heads.

The expenditure charts can be found on the CFC website at www.film.ca.gov. (Incentives tab). Please feel free to contact the CFC with any specific questions regarding the Tax Credit Program at 323-860-2960 x110.